

## STRAWBERRIES ARE CHEAP.

THEY SELL AT WHOLESALE FOR TWO AND THREE CENTS A QUART—A PLENTIFUL FRUIT YEAR EXPECTED.

Rarely have strawberries been as cheap in this city as they are at present. The Norfolk truck farms, which at the height of their season ship about 6,000 crates, or about 275,000 quarts, of berries here every day, have stopped shipping, and the crop season of Maryland and Delaware is in full swing now, about 12,000 crates, or more than half a million quarts of berries, reaching the city daily. Of course these are not all consumed here, for a large quantity is shipped from here to neighboring towns and cities, especially in New-England. The South Jersey crop is beginning to come in, and the fruit is all about as good as has ever come to market. The varieties named in the order of their excellence are Sharpless, Wilson seedling, Charleston seedling and Scarlet. Fine Sharpless strawberries from South Jersey were selling yesterday at the Broadway fancy fruit stores, where high prices are the rule, at 15 cents a quart. At wholesale good berries could be bought as low as 2 and 3 cents a quart, a half cent enough to pay freight, while the best quality brought only 10 cents. This low price is not due altogether to the supply, which will get higher than the figures named, but to the weather, which injures the quality of the fruit, causing it to "melt down," as the merchants say, and thereby making it unfit for shipment to outside towns. The larger and finer the berry the sooner it melts, and the poorer its shipping qualities. The Wilson, which is not as widely grown as it was a few years ago, is considered the best strawberry to ship, though smaller and sourer, and not so good to eat as other varieties.

All in all, the fruit season now beginning holds out great promises for the consumer. Pineapples were never so abundant, the crops of the West Indies being supplemented by a considerable production in Florida, which for the first time is being shipped to this market and sold. The large "pines" are called "sugar loaf" and the small ones "strawberry pines." They sell from 15 to 35 cents each. The abundance of pineapples has had its effect also in cheapening the price of strawberries. Buckleberries and blackberries are coming from North Carolina, but in view of the cheapness of strawberries the demand for them is not great. They retail at 20 and 25 cents a quart.

On Monday the first shipment of California cherries by the car arrived. One car reached here and was disposed of at auction. The varieties were black Tartarian and Royal Anne. In the afternoon the black variety was retailing on Broadway at 75 cents, and the light-colored cherries for 50 cents a pound. Some North Carolina cherries were sold here last week, but hardly in sufficient amount to make a market price.

The hot weather proves injurious to the peaches now coming North, in considerable numbers. Peaches, the Chinese variety, could be had yesterday for 25 cents a dozen, and the Hale's Earlys and Alexanders sold as low as 60 cents a dozen.

Muskmelons can be had for 35 cents each, and watermelons, which the United States customs authorities have declared to be a fruit, sell for \$2 each. Namie apples, an ash-colored West Indian fruit, are selling for 20 cents each, and sappadilloes, from the same islands, at the rate of three for 25 cents. Apricots are coming from California.

## GREAT NORTHERN CELEBRATION.

St. Paul, Minn., June 7.—Bright weather greeted the thousands of people who came together in this city this morning from all parts of the Northwest to celebrate the completion of the Great Northern Railway, and the entire city had put on holiday dress for the occasion. Lasting memorials of honor and triumph appeared in the shape of magnificent arches spanning the streets, patterned after Roman and Greek triumphal arches, and built of the white material which made beautiful the buildings of the World's Fair. Under them marched a great municipal and industrial parade.

## THE MARKETS.

## TOTAL RECEIPTS.

June 7. Cotton, bbls. 80.00. Linseed, bbls. 2,920. Safflower, turp., bbls. 1,781. Copper, oil, bbls. 575.00. Zinc, bbls. 1,600. Lead, bbls. 1,352. Eggs, bbls. 292. Oil, stock, pugs. 1,700. Coal, pugs. 28,451. Pork, pugs. 1,945. Hams, bbls. 1,759. Wheat, bush. 401. Corn, bush. 76,400. Rye, bush. 1,250. Maize, bush. 12,600. Corn, ears, pugs. 11,318. Oats, bush. 490. Oil, pugs. 4,900. Tallow, bbls. 84. Butter, bbls. 2,384. Butter, lrs. 1,060. Hides, No. 1,600. Sheep, bbls. 2,136. Hides, pugs. 1,040. Tallow, bbls. 2,260. Whiskey, bbls. 889. Leather, sides. 23,750. Wool, bales. 62. Wine (tuns), pugs. 892.

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